

POINTS FOR CONSIDERATION

1. Previous letters should be reviewed to determine if all points desired to be covered actually are covered. In some instances, letters can be very short and still be adequate by simply making reference to earlier letters. R.J.R. letters appear to be sufficient and no new letter by Senkus seems necessary. Points asserted for the first time in writing should refer to previous understandings which have existed. Dr. Bates' letter covers only one point, i.e., his serving in an individual capacity. Making a point for the first time in a 1973 letter could conceivably have a reverse effect should, for example, Liggett be sued for something that occurred in 1970 unless the letter simply confirms a prior understanding.

2. Positions to be established include (i) the Research Director is serving in an advisory capacity; (ii) the Research Director does not accept the view that cigarettes are hazardous or contribute to the development of human disease; (iii) the Research Director does not "pass on" proposed projects but lends technical assistance; and (iv) any failure to object with regard to any action taken should not be regarded as agreement by him to such action whether he states such disagreement or not.

3. Letters have been written by various Directors on three occasions: (i) when a Research Director originally went on the TWG; (ii) following Dr. Gori's remarks in February of

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1972; and (iii) by Dr. Senkus following Dr. Gori's invitation for comments on his proposed presentation to Dr. Shubik's committee. However, another letter is probably justified (with the possible exception of Dr. Senkus) on the basis that there is now a TWG "charter" formalizing the Group's structure and that an expanded role is being considered for the TWG. There also appears to be an increased emphasis on pharmacologic and clinical approaches in the Gori plan that was presented to Dr. Shubik's committee. It would, perhaps, be helpful to make it clear that letters are not written on every occasion of disagreement and that while a letter at this time is not necessary, it is deemed useful to remind Dr. Gori of the ground rules (particularly in view of his request for comments on the TWG research program).

4. The letter should, consistent with the points otherwise made, emphasize a genuine desire to lend assistance.

An annual report is due from the Tobacco Working Group, according to its charter, prior to August 15. All letters should be sent well before this period, and hopefully within the next two weeks.

The only letter known to have been sent recently was Dr. Senkus' letter of March 17, 1973, which referred to earlier letters and incorporated many of the points mentioned together with an observation concerning more appropriate areas for research. This letter is attached together with Dr. Senkus' earlier letters of March 27, 1968, and March 29, 1972.

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